

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-13 (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell power generation equipment which comprises an anode for oxidizing liquid fuel, a cathode for reducing oxygen, an electrolyte membrane/electrode assembly provided between the anode and the cathode, a fuel container for holding the liquid fuel, and a plurality of air vent holes provided in a wall surface of the fuel container, wherein

at least one of the air vent holes has a gas/liquid separation function and is adapted to discharge a gas outside the fuel container, said gas formed by an oxidation of the liquid fuel at the anode; and

at least one of the air vent holes is kept unsealed from the liquid fuel.

15. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, wherein the electrolyte membrane/electrode assembly is provided on a wall surface of the fuel container.

16. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, wherein the at least one air vent hole with the gas/liquid separation function is provided so as to vent air between outside and inside of the fuel container.

17. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, wherein the at least one air vent hole with the gas/liquid separation function has a function of a fuel feeding hole.

18. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, wherein the at least one air vent hole with the gas/liquid separation function comprises a water repellent porous membrane.

19. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, further comprising a diffusion layer arranged in contact with the anode and/or the cathode.

20. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, further comprising a liquid fuel holding material filled in the fuel cell power generation equipment container and in contact with the anode.

21. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, further comprising a liquid fuel holding material filled in the fuel cell power generation equipment container and in contact with the diffusion layer which is in contact with the anode.

22. (Currently Amended) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, wherein the liquid fuel container is composed of an electrically insulating material.

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23. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, wherein at least an outer wall surface of the fuel container is treated for an electrical insulation.

24. (Previously Presented) A fuel cell power generation equipment in accordance with claim 14, wherein the liquid fuel is an aqueous methanol solution.